

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LISBON 01634 01 OF 02 271625Z

53

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 NEA-10 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00

INRE-00 SAM-01 CIAE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00

NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20 SCS-03 SCCT-02

AID-20 CCO-00 FBO-01 NIC-01 OC-06 OPR-02 USSS-00

SCA-01 A-01 OMB-01 SY-04 EA-11 SIL-01 LAB-06 CAB-09

COME-00 DOTE-00 EB-11 FAA-00 ST-01 PER-05 SAJ-01

DRC-01 IO-14 TRSE-00 /208 W  
----- 089295

O 271526Z APR 74

FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9474

INFO AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL LUANDA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY RABAT

USMISSION NATO

AMCONSUL OPORTO

AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA

USCINCEUR

DIA

COMUSFORAZ

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 LISBON 1634

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJ: COUP IN PORTUGAL: SITREP NO. 9

REF: LISBON 1609

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LISBON 01634 01 OF 02 271625Z

1. GENERAL CALM PREVAILS IN LISBON APRIL 27,

AFTER 24 HOURS OF SPORADIC ACTS VANDALISM AND OCCASIONAL VIOLENCE. MANY DOWNTOWN MONUMENTS, BUILDING FACADES, AND STREET SIGNS PAINTED WITH HAMMERS AND SICKLES AND CALLS FOR ACTION ON MAY 1; BANK AND SHOP WINDOWS BROKEN AND BOARDED UP. PRESS REPORTS A NUMBER OF SUPERMARKETS AND APPLIANCE STORES BROKEN INTO APRIL 26, AND THAT AT LEAST 38 PERSONS DETAINED FOR LOOTING.

2. NUMBER OF BUILDINGS HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS WHICH SYMBOLIZED PREVIOUS REGIME WERE OBJECT OF MOB WRATH APRIL 26. PRESS REPORTS HOSTILE CROWD SURROUNDED BUILDING OF MORNING PAPER EPOCA (OWNED BY POLITICAL MOVEMENT ACCAO NACIONAL POPULAR), DESTROYING FIVE VEHICLES BELONGING TO IT. MILITARY POLICE ARRIVED 1440 HOURS TO PROTECT PREMISES AND 19 OCCUPANTS, WHO REMOVED TO SAFETY BY ARMY TRUCKS THROUGH CROWD SHOUTING INSULTS. CROWD TRIED BUT FAILED SET FIRE BUILDING, CAUSED FIRE INSIDE, AND DAMAGED PRINTING PRESSES.

3. HEADQUARTERS PORTUGUESE LEGION (RIGHT WING PARAMILITARY ORGANIZATION) ALSO ATTACKED BY CROWD. AT 1845 ARMY UNITS ARRIVED AT LEGION HEADQUARTERS AND REMOVED 3 ARMED LEGIONNAIRES WHO BESIEGED INSIDE. A NUMBER WEAPONS SEIZED BY TROOPS IN BUILDING.

4. OTHER INSTALLATIONS RANSACKED WERE ANP (ACCAO NACIONAL POPULAR) HEADQUARTERS, AND BUILDING HOUSING CENSORSHIP APPARATUS. MANY CENSORSHIP RECORDS WERE STREWN ON STREET BY CROWD, BUT LATER RETRIEVED BY DIRECTOR OF LIBERAL REPUBLICA AND HANDED OVER TO ARMY.

5. THROUGHOUT APRIL 26, ARMY WAS REPORTED ROUNDING UP SUSPECTED DGS AGENTS AT VARIOUS PLACES THROUGHOUT CITY. THERE WERE AT LEAST TWO CASES REPORTED OF ATTACKS BY CROWDS ON BYSTANDERS BELIEVED TO BE DGS, AND ONE PAPER REPORTS PSP (METROPOLITAN POLICE) AGENT SHOT AND KILLED (PRESUMABLY BY SNIPER) AT 1730, APRIL 26. ANOTHER REPORT TELLS OF CROWDS CHASING SUPPOSED DGS AGENT INTO JORNAL DO COMERCIO BUILDING AT 2300. DOORKEEPER AND PSP SUB-CHIEF STONED BY CROWD AND HOSPITALIZED AS RESULT.

6. DEATH TOLL SO FAR PROBABLY STANDS AT 6. IN ADDITION TO ONE PSP AGENT REPORTED ABOVE, THREE PERSONS (INCLUDING ONE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 LISBON 01634 01 OF 02 271625Z

DGS AGENT) REPORTEDLY KILLED AND MANY INJURED APRIL 25 IN VICINITY DGS HEADQUARTERS. TWO OTHER PERSONS INJURED (IN CIRCUMSTANCES NOT DESCRIBED) ON APRIL 26 LATER DIED IN HOSPITAL.

7. PEACEFUL MARCH TOOK PLACE IN DOWNTOWN ROSSIO AREA BEGINNING 1800 APRIL 26. SOME 500 YOUNG DEMONSTRATORS (ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER 1500 CURIOSITY SEEKERS) PARADED UP MAIN AVENUE CHANTING SLOGANS AND CARRYING BANNERS READING "TOTAL AMNESTY," "RIGHT TO

STRIKE," "FREE UNIONISM," "END THE WAR," AND "TRY THE DGS ASSASSINS." (PRESS PUT TOTAL CROWD AT 5,000) POLICE NOWHERE IN EVIDENCE, BUT CROWD MOOD FESTIVE AND PEACEFUL. MANY DEMONSTRATORS WORE CDE ARMBANDS AND OTHERS PASSED OUT MRPP (PRO-CHINESE MARXIST GROUP) LITERATURE.

8. AMCONSUL OPORTO REPORTS SURRENDER DGS FORCES OPORTO 1500 LOCAL APRIL 26. CROWD OF 4,000-5,000 IN DOWNTOWN OPORTO AREA EARLY EVENING APRIL 26. 500 ACTIVIST MARCHERS HEADED FOR THE PSP BUILDING WHERE SHOTS FIRED. AMCONSUL, WHO WAS PRESENT, SAW AMBULANCES AND HEARD THAT TWO PERSONS WOUNDED. PRESS ACCOUNTS FROM OPORTO REPORT 20 PERSONS, INCLUDING 5 POLICE (PSP), INJURED EVENING APRIL 25 IN ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN PSP AND CROWD 300 DEMONSTRATORS.

9. RAIL AND AIR TRANSPORTATION SITUATION IS UNCERTAIN. ACCORDING CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR, AIRPORT IS LIKELY TO OPEN AFTERNOON APRIL 27. TRAIN SERVICE IRREGULAR. AMCONSUL OPORTO REPORTS TRAINS LEAVING PORTUGAL IN NORTH STOPPED AT BORDER. WE HAVE SIMILAR REPORTS FROM OTHER BORDER POINTS. ENTERING TRAINS ARE PERMITTED, BUT DEPARTING TRAINS ARE NOT. BORDER CHECK POINTS (HERETOFORE MANNED BY DGS) UNDER MILITARY POLICE CONTROL, OPEN IRREGULARLY.

10. JUNTA CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE FOR NOON APRIL 27 AT DEFENSE MINISTRY. ACCORDING EYEWITNESS FOREIGN PRESS INVITED TO LEAVE AFTER PICTURE-TAKING SESSION. THOSE REMAINING INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGUESE MEDIA (INCLUDING CONSERVATIVE WRITERS FOR EPOCA (SEE PARA 2)) AND POLITICAL GROUPINGS SUCH AS SEDES. REPORTEDLY JUNTA SPOKESMAN GAVE MEDIA REPS GENERAL OUTLINE OF LIMITS ON PRESS ACTIVITY DURING PRESENT TRANSITION PERIOD.

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LISBON 01634 02 OF 02 271629Z

40

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 NEA-10 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00

INRE-00 SAM-01 CIAE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00

NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20 SCS-03 SCCT-02

AID-20 CCO-00 FBO-01 NIC-01 OC-06 OPR-02 USSS-00

SCA-01 A-01 OMB-01 SY-04 EA-11 SIL-01 LAB-06 CAB-09

COME-00 DOTE-00 EB-11 FAA-00 ST-01 PER-05 SAJ-01

DRC-01 IO-14 TRSE-00 /208 W

----- 089284

O 271526Z APR 74

FM AMEMBASSY LISBON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9475

INFO AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL LUANDA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY DAKAR

AMEMBASSY MADRID

AMEMBASSY RABAT

USMISSION NATO

AMCONSUL OPORTO

AMCONSUL PONTA DELGADA

USCINCEUR

DIA

COMUSFORAZ

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2 LISBON 1634

11. JUNTA HAS APPOINTED A NUMBER OF NEW MILITARY AND POLICE LEADERS. NEW MILITARY GOVERNOR OF LISBON REGION IS GENERAL EIMAO NOGUEIRA, 55, WHO HAS SERVED IN GUINE, AND IS CAVALRY OFFICER. MILITARY GOVERNOR OF OPORTO REGION IS COL. MANUEL CARLOS PASSOS DE ESMERIZ, AND NEW CHIEF OF ALGARVE MILITARY REGION IS BRIG. JOSE LUIS DE MENDOCA RAMIRES. ALSO APPOINTED WERE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LISBON 01634 02 OF 02 271629Z

GENERAL ROSA GAROUPA AS GNR COMMANDANT, COL. NEVES CARDOSO AS PSP COMMANDANT, AND COL. ANTONIO CALADO AS FISCAL GUARD LEADER. NONE OF THESE OFFICERS APPEARS TO BE NATIONALLY KNOWN.

2. MARIO SOARES, PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER, EXILED IN PARIS, REPORTED BY PRESS TO HAVE LEFT THAT CITY BY TRAIN APRIL 27 EN ROUTE LISBON, ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER EXILED MEMBERS OF SOCIALIST POLITICAL SECRETARIAT. PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY IN LISBON REPORTEDLY MET APRIL 26 TO AGREE ON PARTY'S STANCE TOWARDS JUNTA.

13. COMMUNIQUE SIGNED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF FOURTEEN LABOR SYNDICATES PUBLISHED IN LISBON PRESS APRIL 27. STATEMENT CALLS FOR URGENT DEBATE ON FUTURE OF UNIONISM IN PORTUGAL, AND LISTS FOURTEEN "IMMEDIATE, FUNDAMENTAL, AND FIRM DEMANDS." AMONG THESE ARE: TOTAL LABOR UNION FREEDOM; RATIFICATION OF ILO CONVENTION 87; IMMEDIATE INCREASE IN SALARIES

AND CREATION NATIONAL MINIMUM WAGE; REDUCTION WORK WEEK TO  
40 HOURS, 5DAYS; REHIRING ALL WORKERS FIRED FOR LABOR ACTIVITY;  
AND RIGHT TO STRIKE.  
POSW

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** GOVERNMENT OVERTHROW, JUNTA, POLITICAL SITUATION, SITREP 9  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 27 APR 1974  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1974LISBON01634  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D740100-1149  
**From:** LISBON  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1974/newtext/t1974048/aaaaagvv.tel  
**Line Count:** 227  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 5  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** LISBON 1609  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 23 APR 2002  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <23 APR 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <25 FEB 2003 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** COUP IN PORTUGAL: SITREP NO. 9  
**TAGS:** PINT, PO  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005